



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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Appl. No. 09/743,897 Group: 2834

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A CAPACITIVE ULTRASOUND  
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August 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is responsive to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed July 10, 2003, the date of response to which is August 11, 2003 (August 10, 2003 falling on a Sunday).

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II including claims 16-24, drawn to a method of making an ultrasonic transducer.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and/or allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

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